विधान सभाओं की अवधि दिसम्बर, 1994 मास में समाप्त हो जाएगी। आन्ध्र प्रदेश, गोवा, मणिपुर, बिहार, गुजरात, महाराष्ट्र, उड़ीसा और अरूणाचल प्रदेश विधान सभाओं की अवधि जनवरी और मार्च, 1995 के बीच, विभिन्न तारीखों को समाप्त होनी है। निर्वाचन आयोग द्वारा अभी तक इन राज्यों में निर्वाचनों की तारीख अधिसूचित नहीं की गई है।

(ख) सरकार ने निर्वाचन आयोग से निर्वाचनों में, जहां भी संभव हो, विद्यमान इलैक्ट्रानिक मतदान मशीनों का प्रयोग करने के लिए पहले ही कह दिया है। भारत निर्वाचन आयोग द्वारा दिए गए निदेशों के अनुसार संबंधित राज्यों के मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी द्वारा फोटो पहचान पत्र जारी करने की व्यवस्था की जानी है।

Free legal aid in Maharashtra and Gujarat

585. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINADAN JAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount earmarked for free legal aid to the poor by Government during the last three years and its utilisation by Maharashtra and Gujarat;

(b) the reasons for not utilising these funds by the States; and

(c) the steps/measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government to make available free legal aid to the poor effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The sanctioned Budget Grant under the sub-head Grant- in-aid has been Rs. 47.00 lakhs for 1990- 91 and Rs. 40.00 lakhs each for 1991-92 and 1992-93 respectively. The allocation of Central Funds is not done on ""State Basis". The Administrative and day-to-day working expenses of the State Legal Aid & Advice Boards etc. are met out of the State funds provided by the respective State Government. The Committee for Implementing Legal Aid Schemes sanctions grants-in-aid to State Legal Aid & Advice Boards, Universities and Law Colleges and non-political registered Social Action Groups involved in the field of Legal Aid on "Financial year" basis for Implementation of Strategic Legal Aid Programmes, such as, holding of Legal Aid Camps/Lok Adalats; setting up of Legal Aid Clinics in Universities and Law Colleges; promotion of Legal Literacy and Training of para-Legals etc. The grants relessed and its utilisation by the Maharashtra and Gujarat State Legal Aid & Advice Boards during the financial years 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 are as under:—

Financial Year	Maharashtra		Gujarat	
	Grants released	Utilisation Certificate issued	Grants released	Utilisation Certificate issued
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1990-91	45,000	20,000	1,00,000	95,261.11
1991-92	75,000	—	2,10,262	1,56,035
1992-93	1,45,000	9,904.50	1,75,136	1,15,136

(b) The reasons for non-utilisation of the funds by the State Government my differ depending upon law and order, floods/drought and attitude of the professionals etc.

(c) Various Legal aid Programmes, such as, promotion of Legal Literacy, holding of Legal Aid Camps/Lok Adalats, and Training of para-Legals etc. are being organised to make available Free Legal Aid to poor persons.

Anomalies in share allotment by Companies

586. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some companies have been found guilty of alloting shares to outsiders which were reserved for employees;

(b) if so, what are the names of such companies and what action has been or is being taken against them; and

(c) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c). Securities and

Exchange Board of India (SEBI) had undertaken inspection of some Registrars to the Issue and examined public/rights issue of several companies, from which it revealed that the following companies had made improper allotment of shares under "Employees quota" by alloting shares to persons who were not their employees:—

1. M/s. Tata Timkin Ltd.
2. M/s. Ceeta Polymers Ltd.
3. M/s. IFGL Refractories Ltd.
4. M/s. Woolworth (India) Ltd.
5. M/s. Indian Acrylics Ltd.
6. M/s. Maharaja International Ltd.
7. M/s. Daurala Organics Ltd.
8. M/s. Ram Papers Mills Ltd.
9. M/s. Phoenix Electric (I) Ltd.
10. M/s. Maharashtra Seamless Ltd.
11. M/s. Triveni Pool Intairdril Ltd.
12. M/s. Intron Ltd.
13. M/s. Arrow Webtex Ltd.
14. M/s. Venus Sugars Ltd.
15. M/s. Gujarat Industries Powers Company Ltd.
16. M/s. Pashupati Acrylon Ltd.

In the matter of M/s. Tata Timkin Ltd., Ceeta Polymers Ltd. and IFGL Refractories Ltd. prosecutions under Sections 63 and 68A of the Companies Act, 1956 were filed. Prosecution was also filed in the case of M/s. Woolworth (India) Ltd. under Section 68A of the Act. On further consideration, it was felt that no sustainable prosecution lies under these provisions of law and, accordingly, the prosecutions were withdrawn. The Government is making suitable legislative amendment, in this behalf.

Amendment in the Representation of Peoples Act

587. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are actively considering to make certain amendments in the Representation of Peoples Act in the near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) No specific amendments in the Representation of the People Acts are under the active consideration of the Government. However, as and when proposals for Electoral Reforms are finalised, necessary amendments to the two Representation of the People Acts will be made.

Collection of Huge Funds from Public on False Promises

588. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) What is the number of private companies collecting funds from the Public promissing to grow teak wood, sandal wood, horticulture, floriculture, etc. assuring huge returns;

(b) if so,whether these activities are legitimate; and

(c) what is the total amount collected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) Several companies have been registered for carrying on the business of plantations and other agroforestry operations. However, information relating to such companies is not centrally compiled. These companies have advertised certain schemes offering ownership of fully grown trees at the end of investment period of 15 to 20 years. The MRTP Commission, on the basis of the several applications and preliminary investigation reports submitted by the Director General of Investigation and Registration, has instituted enquiries against some companies for alleged unfair trade practices.

Vacancies of Judges and pending cases in Punjab and Haryana High Court

589. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many vacancies of Judges are there in Punjab and Haryana High Court;

(b) how many cases are lying pending in that High Court;

(c) what steps are being taken to appoint Judges to fill up the vacancies and whether any more Judges are required to deal with the pending cases; and